

fully Officered but here I am  
transferred & doing full duty  
so I am all right I think  
there are a good many crooks  
about War matters & Army Regul-  
ations. My Promotion dates from  
the 27<sup>th</sup> Jan on the Revs I  
havent got my Commission yet  
nor dont know when I'll get it-  
but hope before long I presume  
I will have to stay with this  
Company for good I was sayi-  
ng last night I had written  
to you to direct to Company  
G & the Lieut. said he would if  
he were me, I told him the  
reason I hadnt before or at first  
was I didnt know whether I  
was to be here permanently  
or not- he said he hoped so  
& so did the Co I told him I  
was satisfied and was still  
more so seeing it- was his  
wish & the Company now I am  
getting acquainted I like the

Boys well & they all seem to  
me I carry on with them when  
they are in camp but when we  
are drilling then I make them  
come to time. I told one fellow  
this morning to clean up around  
his Tent he says well and when  
I come to go to take charge of  
the company I found he hadnt  
touched it. I spoke about it to  
him & he began to rather talk  
although he would do as he  
was a mind to. I told him to  
hold on & another time when  
I told him to do a thing I  
wanted it done he didnt hard-  
ly know how to take me but  
he buttered his lip I had been  
told he was a kind of a blow  
hard so I guess I spoke pretty  
plain when we are outside  
of order then I will be one  
amongst the Boys but when



I say do a thing & am in  
command then come to time  
one of the Boys spoke to me yes  
terday & said when any of the  
Sergents called the Roll the  
Boys would carry on so they  
couldnt tell whether the Boys  
were there or not some one  
would answer at ever name I  
told him to say nothing but I  
would attend Roll call this ~~mor~~  
~~ning~~ Evening which I did &  
they commended I commanded  
attention & I tell you Miss Wife  
they were whist as nice a man  
can be strict & still keep the  
good will of the Boys the  
Boys that I have spoken to  
are as good Friends as any  
of them they find out that they  
cant do just as they are a mind  
to & they will be the best boys  
we have. The Old Cap was a  
man that the company hated

So the Boys did as they were a  
mind to but they like the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lieut- & I think they do me &  
we will make a good company  
of them yet- give us time.  
I like the Lieutenants well we  
have considerable sport- the  
one that is going to Resign if  
he can is full of dry jokes he  
spoke to night as he went to Bed  
(both Lieut- or a bed) I expect- I  
will dream of them D-nd good  
Hays. I saw this morning he meant  
Positives he is getting off some  
speech all the time to keep a  
fellow stretched. I have written  
Uncle Isser this Afternoon & Eve and  
Tomorrow I must write to Uncle  
Israel & tell him I have got my  
sword all right- I tell you Hattie  
I have got a good Bell- & a good  
sword my sword is plain but a  
good strong one just what I  
sent for I told Uncle Israel to  
get me a good substantial one  
I didnt care for anything fancy  
you write you didnt get any  
cloth for Shirts I am glad you  
didnt- at 6/- per yard for I can